

REMARKS

Responsive to paragraph 2 of the office action, a verified translation of the Japanese application, the priority of which is claimed in the captioned application, is submitted herewith.

5        Claim 9 has been amended to remove the parentheses from the last line.

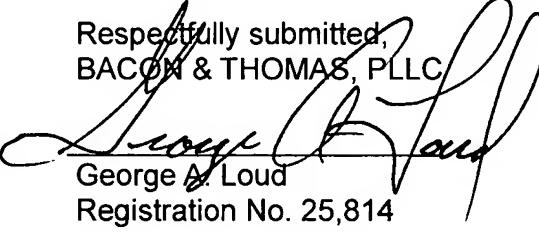
The rejected claims have been canceled, leaving only the allowed claims still pending. Accordingly, the application is believed to be in condition for issue.

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Statement

I, Masato Kobayashi, hereby state that I am competent in both the Japanese and English languages and that the attached English language document is an accurate translation of Japanese patent Application No. 2004-038874.

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